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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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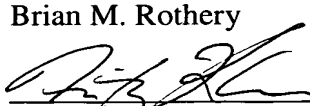
In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated January 18, 2006 ("Notification"), Applicants submit herewith: (i) an English translation of International Application No. PCT/CH2003/000222, containing 19 claims, the same number of claims filed in International Application No. PCT/CH2003/000222, to replace the English translation submitted on November 23, 2005; and (ii) a copy of the Notification.

The processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation of the application later than 30 months from the priority date was paid on November 23, 2005. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due for this Response. Should any fees be required, such fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Also submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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